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U.S. MTN DEL RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JULY 11
FROM ZBIGNIEW KRZYSZTOFOWICZ OF THE POLISH DELEGATION:

QUOTE 1. UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT I HAVE
THE HONOUR TO CONVEY TO YOU, DEAR SIR, THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNICATION:

2. THE POLISH PARTY ASSESSES POSITIVELY THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, BOTH WITHIN THE GATT AND ON BILATERAL
LEVEL. IT APPRECIATES, IN PARTICULAR, THE SUPPORT OF
THE UNITED STATES FOR POLAND'S LEGITIMATE DEMANDS CON-
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CERNING THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS
WHICH SOME COUNTRIES-MEMBERS OF THE GATT - ARE STILL
IMPOSING ON THE IMPORT OF POLISH GOODS.

3. POLAND IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE EXCHANGE WITH ALL COUNTRIES
ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

4. POLAND HAS, THEREFORE, LENT ITS SUPPORT FROM THE VERY OUTSET TO THE UNITED STATES INITIATIVE TO UNDERTAKE, WITHIN THE GATT, THE PRESENT ROUND OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH - IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOKYO DECLARATION - ARE AIMED AT WIDE LIBERALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AS WELL AS LOWERING OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS ON BOTH MANUFACTURES AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

5. THE POLISH PARTY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS, CONTRARY TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE GATT, SHOULD BE ELIMINATED IN THE FIRST PLACE. POLAND'S POSITION IN THE ROUND WILL, THEREFORE, DEPEND ON THE PROGRESS IN THIS REGARD.

6. WITH RESPECT TO REQUESTS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ACCEPTED IN THE ROUND AND IN CONNECTION WITH PRELIMINARY TALKS HELD ON THIS SUBJECT IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC TO THE GATT AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, THE POLISH PARTY SHOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THAT SOME OF THESE REQUESTS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES BILATERALLY. THE POLISH PARTY IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GATT CONSTITUTE VERY IMPORTANT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VALUABLE FORUM FOR SEEKING SOLUTIONS FOR PROBLEMS OBTAINING IN WORLD TRADE. BEARING IN MIND, HOWEVER, THE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR AS WELL AS THE CURRENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES, THE POLISH PARTY CONSIDERS THAT BILATERAL CONTEXT IS APPROPRIATE ONE FOR DISCUSSING ISSUES PERTAINING, IN PARTICULAR, TO ECONOMIC AND TRADE INFORMATION, STATISTICS AND THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS. THE POLISH PARTY IS CONVINCED THAT THE REQUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES PARTY ARE BEING MET TO A LARGE EXTENT.

7. THE POLISH PARTY APPROACHES THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES PARTY IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY AND IT WISHES TO STRESS THAT IN MEETING THEM IT HAS POSITIVELY DEALT E.G. WITH THE REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF THE EXCHANGE RATE OF THE UNITED STATES DOLLAR TO THE POLISH ZLOTY. AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1978 THE EXCHANGE RATE HAS BEEN FIXED AT 33,20 POLISH ZLOTY TO 1 UNITED STATES DOLLAR.

8. AT THE SAME TIME THE POLISH PARTY CAN SEE A POSSIBILITY OF FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION OF SOME OTHER REQUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES PARTY, SUBJECT TO THE

EXTENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUESTS WHICH THE POLISH PARTY HAS SUBMITTED IN THE ROUND AND SUBJECT TO CONCESSIONS WHICH WILL BE GRANTED TO POLAND. THE POLISH PARTY IS PREPARED TO HOLD ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT IN GENEVA AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO THE UNITED STATES PARTY.

9. I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU, DEAR MR. MINISTER, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE

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